

use the website to best meet the needs of callers;

"(7) provide Internet access, and hardware in necessary cases, to domestic violence shelters in the United States that do not have the appropriate technology for such access, to the maximum extent practicable; and

"(8) ensure that after the third year of the website project, the recipient will develop a plan to expand the sources of funding for the website to include funding from public and private entities, although nothing in this paragraph shall preclude a grant recipient under this section from raising funds from other sources at any time during the 5-year grant period.

"(d) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require any shelter or service provider, whether public or private, to be linked to the website or to provide information to the recipient of the grant award or to the website.

"(e) **DURATION OF GRANT.**—The term of a grant awarded under this section shall be 5 years.

"(f) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OVERSIGHT.**—The Secretary shall—

"(1) provide technical assistance, if requested, on developing and managing the website; and

"(2) have access to, and monitor, the website.

"(g) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

"(1) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 316 and this section, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2008.

"(2) **CONDITIONS ON APPROPRIATIONS.**—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Secretary shall make available a portion of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) to carry out this section only for any fiscal year for which the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) exceed \$3,000,000.

"(3) **ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**—Of the amount made available to carry out this section for a fiscal year the Secretary may not use more than 2 percent for administrative costs associated with the grant program carried out under this section, of which not more than 5 percent shall be used to assist the entity providing the national domestic violence hotline to participate in the establishment of the website.

"(4) **AVAILABILITY.**—Funds appropriated under paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended."

#### **SEC. 413. DEMONSTRATION GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 318(h) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10418(h)) is amended to read as follows:

"(h) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2008."

(b) **REGULATIONS.**—Section 318 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10418) is amended by striking subsection (i).

#### **SEC. 414. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE.**

Section 319(f) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10419(f)) is amended by striking "fiscal year 2001" and inserting "each of fiscal years 2004 through 2008".

#### **SEC. 415. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 302(l) (42 U.S.C. 10401(l)) by striking "demonstrate the effectiveness of assisting" and inserting "assist";

(2) in section 303(a) (42 U.S.C. 10402(a))—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking "State domestic violence coalitions knowledgeable individuals and interested organizations" and inserting "State domestic violence coalitions, knowledgeable individuals, and interested organizations"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (F), by adding "and" at the end; and

(B) by aligning the margins of paragraph (4) with the margins of paragraph (3);

(3) in section 303(g) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in the first sentence, by striking "309(4)" and inserting "320"; and

(B) in the second sentence, by striking "309(5)(A)" and inserting "320(5)(A)";

(4) in section 305(b)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 10404(b)(2)(A)) by striking "provide for research, and into" and inserting "provide for research into";

(5) by redesignating section 309 as section 320 and moving that section to the end of the Act; and

(6) in section 311(a) (42 U.S.C. 10410(a))—

(A) in paragraph (2)(K), by striking "other criminal justice professionals;" and inserting "other criminal justice professionals;" and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "family law judges," and inserting "family law judges;"

(ii) in subparagraph (D), by inserting "criminal court judges," after "family law judges"; and

(iii) in subparagraph (H), by striking "supervised visitations that do not endanger victims and their children" and inserting "supervised visitations or denial of visitation to protect against danger to victims or their children".

(For text of Senate bill, as amended, see prior proceedings of the House of today.)

The Senate bill, as so amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

A similar House bill (H.R. 14) was laid on the table.

### **SPECIAL ORDERS**

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### **URGING AMERICANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "E-MAIL OUR TROOPS" PROJECT**

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, tonight I rise to urge my colleagues to participate in the E-mail Our Troops Project, a vitally important endeavor that is good for our military personnel and also good for our children.

This program allows people to send e-mail messages to men and women serving in very dangerous places around the world. It boosts the morale of our service members, it alleviates their loneliness, but it is also very helpful to children in particular.

For young children, news of war can be overpowering. It can leave them with a sense that they are not con-

nected, they have no control; frightening news controls them. Giving them an e-mail connection to our Armed Forces is one way of creating a positive connection, letting them voice an opinion, ask a question.

Mr. Speaker, I learned that just yesterday when I visited the J. Taylor Finley Middle School in Huntington. I went there to talk to the youngsters about their opinions on what is happening in Iraq and to teach them how to e-mail our troops. I would like to share with my colleagues and with the country some of the messages that these young men and women sent to other young men and women who are fighting for our freedom.

Mario from the Taylor Finley Middle School wrote, "Hi! My name is Mario; and I want to tell you that, in my opinion, you are going to be fine because people will and are praying for you."

Becca wrote, "Dear serviceperson. My name is Becca, and I am a 12 year old student at Finley Middle School. I am writing to you to say how much I am thinking about you. Our country is so grateful to have people like you fighting for America. You must be truly brave."

Tori wrote, "Hi! How are you? Is it hard to be so far away from your family? Do you miss them? I can't thank you enough for what you are doing. I hope you get back safely."

Madeleine and Shannon wrote, "Dear American, thank you for defending our country. We hope you are safe and well. You are very important to us. It must be hard to leave your family for so long. Your decision to help the effort is so commendable. We hope you come back soon."

Mr. Speaker, Jenny wrote, "Hello, I just wanted to say that myself and many other people are thinking of you. We are thinking very often of you during the day and how much you are doing for this country. We are so proud of you."

And Megan wrote, "Dear Friend, I just want to say that I am very proud of you and I support you. Thank you so much for putting your life on the line to protect the rights of others in this country and in Iraq. We all believe in you and hope that you will return very soon."

Lauren-Taylor wrote, "I don't want this to be another letter that says 'thank you' over and over. I want to tell you that I truly feel that you are giving this ultimate gift to people that you don't even know. The fact that you love your country and fellow Americans so much is incredible. You are showing this in great fashion. Please know that even if we don't support this war, we support you."

And Tara e-mailed, "Dear American, thank you so much for what you have done for our country. I really appreciate what you are doing. You are so brave to risk your own life for us. You are so brave and courageous. I hope you are proud, because I know I am."

Mr. Speaker, just one more.